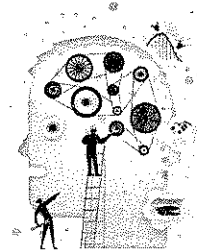


What Do You Know About the Teen Brain and Drugs?

Answer these questions to test your knowledge.



1. **The brains of teenagers are:**
 - a. larger than those of adults
 - b. the same as adult brains
 - c. not yet fully developed
 - d. made up of different parts than those of adults
2. **The limbic system of the brain is involved mainly with:**
 - a. decision making
 - b. emotions
 - c. problem solving
 - d. balance
3. **The last part of the brain to fully develop is:**
 - a. the emotion center
 - b. the part that controls breathing
 - c. the reward center
 - d. the part involved in critical thinking
4. **Teen brains are more sensitive to drug use than adult brains.**

True

False
5. **Which of the following statements is true about the brain's prefrontal cortex?**
 - a. It helps people think through their actions.
 - b. It can be damaged by drug use.
 - c. It is used in decision making.
 - d. All of the above.
6. **Drug use can harm the brain.**

True

False
7. **Dopamine is:**
 - a. a natural chemical in the brain linked to positive feelings
 - b. a harmful chemical found only in drugs
 - c. an area of the brain involved in emotions
 - d. a natural chemical in the brain that forces you to take risks
8. **The connections between neurons in your brain can be affected by drug use.**

True

False

NOW TRY THIS

Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper after reading "Drugs and the Teen Brain."

1. How might the limbic system make teens more vulnerable to drugs? Tell how thinking through consequences might keep you safe.
2. Explain how teen drug use could impact a person's entire life. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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